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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAMESE LABOR DELEGATION IN ITALY

1. A NORTH VIETNAMESE LABOR DELEGATION IS CURRENTLY IN ITALY IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CGIL-SPONSORED "SOLIDARITY MONTH" FOR NORTH VIETNAM. THE DELEGATION IS LED BY NGUYEN VAN BUT, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LABOR FEDERATION, AND INCLUDES DINH VINH, MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND ARCHITECT NGUYEN PHUC THANH. THE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN ITALY APRIL 4, AND WILL CONCLUDE ITS VISIT ON MAY 3.

2. IN RECENT DAYS, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION HAS ATTENDED MEETINGS AT CERIGNOLA (BIRTHPLACE OF THE LATE CGIL LEADER GUISEPPE DEVITTORIO), AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BARI, AT THE ITALSIDER PLANT IN TARANTO, AT LEGHORN, PIOMBINO AND PISA. FUTURE TRAVELS ARE TO TAKE THEM TO GENOA, VARESE, BRISCIA AND TURIN WHERE A MEETING WITH WORKERS AT THE FIAT MARAFIORI PLANT IS SCHEDULED.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE "SOLIDARITY MONTH," THE CGIL HAS LAUNCHED A SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE AMONG WORKERS TO COLLECT MONEY
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IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT AT HAIPHONG A "HOUSE OF CULTURE AND FRIEND-

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SHIP" TO BEAR DIVITTORIO'S NAME. WORKERS ARE BEING URGED TO CONTRIBUTE AN HOUR'S PAY TO THIS CAUSE.

4. COMMENT: THE ARRIVAL AND TRAVELS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION HAVE BEEN REPORTED REGULARLY IN THE COMMUNIST DAILY L'UNITA, BUT HAVE DRAWN SCANT ATTENTION ELSEWHERE. ON THE OTHER HAND, NEITHER CISL NOR UIL HAS EXPRESSED ANY CRITICISM ABOUT EITHER THE DELEGATION NOR THE "SOLIDARITY MONTH" COLLECTION DRIVE. BEAUDRY

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